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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **09/14/12 4:24 PM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

Authorized Supervisor: **Lieutenant Patrick Hoey**

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Incident: **Juvenile Arrested for possessing handgun in school**

MESSAGE

On Friday, 9/14/2012 at approximately 8:15 AM Kennedy Middle School administrators were alerted by other students that a male student at the school possessed a handgun. School administrators immediately located the student and he was unarmed. The administrators searched the student's locker and located a loaded semi-automatic handgun in the student's book bag. The weapon and student were taken to the office and Rockford Police Officers responded and took the juvenile into custody.

The juvenile's parents were notified and the juvenile was transported to the Public Safety Building. The juvenile stated he found he the weapon and brought it to school for personal protection.

**The 12 year old juvenile male was charged with:
Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon and no Firearms Owner's Identification Card.**

The juvenile was transported to the Winnebago County Juvenile Assessment Center.

The charges against the juvenile male are merely accusations. He is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

Kennedy Middle School is located at 520 North Pierpont Avenue.

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